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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8781
INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO
AMEMBASSY DJIBOUTI
AMEMBASSY JIDDA
AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM
AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI
AMEMBASSY PARIS
AMEMBASSY SANA
COMIDEASTFOR

C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 2757

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ELTN, MOPS, ET, DJ
SUBJ: ATTACK ON ADDIS-DJIBOUTI RAILROAD

REF: (A) DJIBOUTI 893; (B) ADDIS ABABA 2707

1. FRENCH EMBASSY SOURCE HAS PROVIDED US WITH SIMILAR
INFORMATION TO THAT FURNISHED REFTEL (A), AND PROVIDED
THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
--THREE ETHIOPIANS WERE KILLED IN THIS ATTACK.
--A LOCOMOTIVE WAS DAMAGED, BUT NO DAMAGE WAS DONE TO
RAILS OR BRIDGES.
--THE ATTACK CONSISTED OF RIFLE FIRE, NOT EX-
PLOSIVES OR HEAVY WEAPONS.
THE FRENCH HERE DID NOT KNOW EITHER WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR
ATTACK.

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2. NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE INCIDENT HAS BEEN
MADE BY THE ETHIOPIANS. THE ETHIOPIAN TOURIST OFFICE,
THE ADDIS-DJIBOUTI RAILROAD AND THE FRENCH EMBASSY'S
TECHNICAL COOPERATION SERVICE ARE TOGETHER INAUGURATING
AN EXHIBIT JUNE 23 ON THE FRANCO-ETHIOPIAN RAILROAD EN-
TITLED "FROM ADDIS ABABA TO DJIBOUTI."

3. JUST PRIOR TO THE JUNE 19 ARRIVAL OF THE DJIBOUTI DELEGATION TO DISCUSS ADDIS-DJIBOUTI RAILROAD (REFTEL B), THE PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATOR OF DIRE DAWA, ISSA AND GURGURE PROVINCE LET A 10-MEMBER AGITPROP COMMITTEE FOR FOUR DAYS ALONG THE 202 KM RAILROAD LINE FROM DIRE DAWA TO THE DJIBOUTI BORDER AT DEWELLE. STOPPING AT EVERY STATION, THE GROUP WAS REPORTED IN THE LOCAL PRESS TO HAVE PARTICULARLY ADDRESSED ISSAS LIVING ALONG THE RAILROAD. THEY WERE TOLD THAT THE RAILROAD WAS THEIR OWN LIFELINE AND URGED TO BE VIGILENT AGAINST SABOTAGE BY INFILTRATORS SENT BY SOMALIA. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THEY ACCEPTED THIS TASK.
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